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Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 (Paper No. 23) in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is also filed herewith.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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